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Penguins build nest on Marine Lake



The two penguins spotted on the Marine Lake seem to be building a nest, and the spokesperson from Southport Penguin Preservation Society (SPPS) has stated "we need to protect any eggs from vandals and egg collectors. Therefore we are asking for volunteers to form a Penguin Protection Patrol (PPP) to watch over the nest. Volunteers will be issued with a specialised black and white uniform and a black cap with a yellow peak so as to blend in for the penguins and so they are not perceived as a threat by the new parents.

The SPPS are still asking for donations of tinned fish e.g. salmon mackerel sardines etc. to enable members of the patrol to feed the birds and their chicks. Any enquirers or to volunteer please call Pete from the PPP

Life Changing Adventure: updated brand guidelines

Alongside the programme, the main Scout brand has been refreshed to include advice on tone of voice, photography and social media plus all five refreshed section brands. Over 500 templates for logos, photos, posters, certificates, badges and banners are on the Scout Print Centre.

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A pause for thought

Have you ever noticed how much "signage" we have to encounter either as a motorist, cyclist or as a pedestrian on our roads and pavements. We tend to absorb this information automatically, sometimes without even being aware. For example, last week I was travelling along a motorway there was a sign indicating that two lanes ahead were closed, speed limit 50 mph. Leaving the motorway two signs indicated two roundabouts and safety cameras. Journeying into town; 30 mph, no left turn, no waiting, road works, traffic lights, crossing ahead etc; etc. I am sure that you are all experiencing the same thoughts as I do.

Then there are the famous logos that have been the product of design departments and the P.R. teams with which we are all familiar. Try to picture the logos of "His Master's Voice". "McDonalds", "Audi". As there are many more you could probably name a lot more of them.

Several years ago Scouting changed their logo (*and again this year – Ed*) to present a more modern image to young people. However what they will never change is the ethos that it represents.

You all deliver that great adventure to young people, you do it without even thinking through dedication, humility, care and concern. That is a sign that you are doing your best for all.

"May your God grant strength, comfort and peace to you in your service to Scouting."

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Have you received your very own copy of our 2016 Scout Holidays brochure, jam-packed with an array of fantastic worldwide activity holiday ideas for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers? If you haven't received your copy yet then fear not as you can [download it from our website](#)

The LOVEmyBEACH campaign



1st Southport (Ainsdale) Beavers, Cubs and Scouts well deserved their Environment badge by joining Beachcare Officer 'Jayne Foat' with their family and friends to be part of the LovemyBeach campaign at Ainsdale beach. 62 eager volunteers set about picking up litter from along the shoreline and dunes to amass a staggering 70 bin bags full of rubbish.

The **LOVEmyBEACH** campaign was launched in 2013 asking residents, businesses and groups to do what they can to help reduce pollution on our North West beaches and in the sea. Jayne Foat said "the 1st Southport have helped to make the beach look cleaner and more attractive to visitors. With all their help our volunteers have also removed litter pollution from the sea. Thank you". A big BRAVO to the 1st.



More information about the campaign can be found at www.lovemybeach.org

Laura Reevey



St. George's Day Parade

Many Congratulations to everyone who organised and turned out for our Annual St. George's Day Parade and Service. Around 500 District members marched from Waterside Lodge to Holy Trinity Church in glorious sunshine showing Southport what Scouting is all about. When we arrived at the Church we rapidly filled it leaving standing room only at the back.

The Service took place accompanied by Marshside Band ending with the Presentation of Awards, some farewells and welcoming new faces to some of our District Roles. We wished Paul Culshaw Good Luck in his new role as he joins the County team as Assistant County Commissioner for Scouts and welcomed Richard Blake as our new Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts to take Paul's place. Also welcomed was Matty Mitchell, our District Network Scout Commissioner.

Then the Presentation of Awards took place:-

Pack of the Year - The 58th Cub Pack followed by 1st Southport Panther Pack with the 62nd Pack in Third place.

Troop of the Year - The 2nd Kew Woods followed by 1st Southport Lockhart Troop with the 48th Troop in Third Place.

Leaders' 5 years Long Service Awards :-

Hugh Conaghan 58th Southport

Laura Monahan 1st Southport

Cath Cooper 62nd Southport

Deborah Coyne 48th Southport

Niki Richards 1st Southport

Leader's 30 years Long Service Award :-

Janet Drittler - Explorer Scout Leader

Leaders' 40 years Long Service Awards :-

John Simpson - 58th Southport

Alf Quinton - District Active Support Unit

Leader Training - Wood badge awards:-

Russell Bennett, Karen O'Brien, Viv Rathbone,

Mark Furness, Paul Culshaw, Andrew Tinsley

Commendations :-

Penny Rimmer - Commendation for good service

Janet Drittler - Silver Acorn

Ian Butler - Bar to the Silver Acorn

Paul Culshaw - Commissioner's Commendation Award

Mark Furness - Commissioner's Commendation Award

Walter Broadbent Trophy

Mark Furness

To see more photos of the Parade please go to our Southport District Scouts Facebook Page.



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George's Day Parade



1st Southport Group Camp

For the Friday, Saturday & Sunday of Last Bank Holiday weekend the 1st Southport descended on Bibby's Farm Scout Camp, nr Chorley, for their first Group Camp in a couple of years.

In total there were 75 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders, the majority of which stayed in the indoor facilities whilst the Scouts and Male leaders camped in tents in one of the fields behind the main buildings.

The weather was a tad wet & windy but we didn't let this spoil our enjoyment.

On the Saturday the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts separated into their respective age groups and went round trying out different activities including; an adventure playground, Beaver trail, firelighting, catapult making, Pedal Cars, Aerial runway, Crate stacking, Archery & Grass sledging.

That evening, the rain hadn't let up, so we held our planned campfire routines in the Dining Room. Most sections had prepared a campfire song / sketch and they performed these in front of the rest of the Group...including 6 of the leaders who did their version of the 'job Song' at the end.

Sunday morning we woke up to very heavy rain but thankfully this stopped mid-morning and we were able to keep to our originally planned activity programme which involved mixing the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts into 5 different teams so all the age groups had to work together to get the best score on 5 challenge bases in the hope of their team winning some medals at the end of the day.

The bases included ; fastest team around the adventure playground / low ropes course, Welly throwing, completing a course whilst dodging bean bags being thrown at them, sneaking past 4 blindfolded leaders situated along a very thin alleyway and finally a problem solving base.

All in all everyone had a great weekend and the Sun even made an appearance a couple of hours before we went home.

Many thanks go to all our leaders who ran the activities, Lockhart leaders who were our catering team all weekend and Shackleton Troop leaders for taking down the tents whilst the rest of us enjoyed the challenge bases.

Here's to our next camp.....

Mark Furness
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